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PRIVATE NETWORKS

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Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated October 22, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

Add the following new claims:

15. (New) A virtual private network according to Claim 1 wherein said first router is configured to employ label stacking to establish at least one of said label switched paths.
16. (New) A virtual private network according to Claim 15 wherein said second router is